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Board Meeting Calendar

July 26-27, 2001
(Buena Park, CA)

November 8-9, 2001
(Riverside, CA)

Meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and locations are tentative and subject to change. Check our website at www.bbs.ca.gov for any date changes. Attendance at Board meetings is encouraged and welcomed!

Upcoming Occupational Analysis

The Board is pleased to announce that an occupational analysis of Marriage and Family Therapists will begin in late 2001. An analysis of the Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Licensed Educational Psychologists will begin in 2002. An occupational analysis is a method for identifying the tasks performed in a profession or on a job and the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform that job. The results of an occupational analysis form the basis of licensing examinations; helping to ensure an examination is job-related.

The Department of Consumer Affairs' Examination Validation Policy requires an occupational analysis be performed every 3 to 7 years. The last occupational analysis performed for MFTs was in 1997 and for LCSWs in 1998. The occupational analysis begins with interviews of licensees to gather information about the tasks performed in practice and the knowledge required performing those tasks.

The next step will be to conduct workshops to review and refine the information obtained during the interviews and to incorporate the information into a survey. The survey will ask licensees to rate each task and knowledge area as applicable to their own practice. The Board expects to send the MFT occupational analysis survey to licensees throughout California in mid-2002.

The results of an occupational analysis helps to determine any changes needed to the examination programs. Types of changes may include new content areas, new questions, or new formats or types of examinations depending on changes in the profession. The results will also help determine whether there is a continuing need for an oral examination requirement. Candidates will be provided with ample notice of any changes to be implemented.

MFTs interested in participating in the occupational analysis interviews or workshops should contact Sandra Wright at (916) 445-4933 ext. 1242. Those interested will be mailed an application which asks for a description of practice setting, location, number of years in practice, and any specialty area. To ensure representation of the diversity of people in the profession, you will also be asked to voluntarily disclose your own diversity, such as race, ethnicity, culture, gender, religion, disability, and sexual orientation.

As more information becomes available, it will be posted to the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov.

Pending Legislation

The following legislation if passed would become effective January 1, 2002.

Senate Bill 724 (Committee on Business and Professions) makes several amendments and additions to the statutes governing marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed educational psychologists. Below is a brief summary of each proposal:

Qualifications - Amend Section 4980.40 to add an acceptable degree title of counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy, gain authority to approve, in addition to the approval from the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, degrees offered by approved schools, further clarify that the degree obtained must be a single integrated program, and take out unnecessary language.

Unlicensed Intern – Amend Section 4980.44 to identify the procedures for renewal of a registration which includes notifying the Board of any convictions as defined in Section 490 of the Business and Professions Code and any disciplinary action taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, subsequent to the registrant's last renewal, and clarifying that no registration shall be reinstated beyond the six years from initial issuance.

Validity of Examination Passing Scores – Amend Sections 4980.50, 4986.21, and 4992.1 to identify the timeframe in which written examinations are valid.

Name Change – Amend Section 4986.47 to remove the word "registrant."

Unprofessional Conduct – Amend Section 4992.3 to correct a reference to the section of law that relates to definitions of dangerous drugs and clarify the current prohibition against licensed clinical social workers having sexual relations with clients, by specifying that such conduct is prohibited within two years following termination of therapy.

Sight Impaired Individuals - Repeal Section 4992.6 because state law and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act supersedes our law and protects individuals who are sight impaired.



Qualifications of Licenses - Amend Section 4996.2 to include all of the reference sections of law that relate to supervised post master's degree experience, further define denial of a license to persons who are subject to an order of registration pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code, and include all of the current educational requirements for licensure.

Associate Clinical Social Worker Registration – Amend Section 4996.18 to require that registrants notify the Board of any convictions as defined in Section 490 and any disciplinary action taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, subsequent to the registrant's last renewal, and to delete unnecessary language.

Supervised Post Master's Experience Criteria Effective January 1, 1999 – Amend Section 4996.21 to delete the requirement that a supervisor submit to the Board within 30 days of termination of supervision evidence of satisfactorily completed supervised experience.

Adopt Section 4996.23 - Enact comprehensive requirements relating to experience gained by Associate Clinical Social Workers.

Senate Bill 349 (Committee on Business and Professions) makes amendments to the statutes governing marriage and family therapists. Below is a brief summary of each proposal:

Notification to Students of Design of Degree Program – Amend Section 4980.38 to add additional reference sections of law.

Eligibility to Sit for Licensing Examination - Amend Section 4980.41 to clarify that the child abuse requirement must meet Business and Professions Code Section 28 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

Employment or Termination of Interns – Amend Section 4980.45 to delete the unnecessary language regarding a form that is no longer required to be submitted to the Board.

Unprofessional Conduct - Amend Section 4982 to correct a reference to the section of law that relates to definitions of dangerous drugs.❖

The Mission of the Board is to protect the consumer by establishing and maintaining standards for competent and ethical behavior by the professionals under its jurisdiction.

Regulation Update

The Board's regulation sections are contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 18, Articles 1-10. On the Board's website you can find copies of the Notice, Proposed Language and Initial Statement of Reasons for the following regulation proposals.

Continuing Education Course Requirements - This proposal will amend Section 1887.3 to require that marriage and family therapists and licensed clinical social workers complete, as part of their mandated 36 hours of continuing education, 6 hours in law and ethics every two year renewal period.

Human Sexuality Training - This proposal will amend Section 1807 to specify that the Board is the entity for approving continuing education providers. By doing so, this proposal will expand the acceptable entities who can offer human sexuality training and pre licensed individuals will have a wider selection of providers for this necessary training. This proposal also corrects a reference to the Education Code. ❖

Possible Licensure of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors

Senate Bill 537 (Vasconcellos), introduced February 22, 2001, would if passed, create a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to provide for the registration and licensure of persons who render for compensation alcohol and drug dependency counseling services. This bill specifies 3 licensure categories along with the registration and licensure criteria required for each. This bill is currently progressing through the legislative process. If passed, this requirement would become effective January 1, 2002. ❖

Board Member News

Mark A. Burdick, Ph.D. was appointed by Governor Gray Davis as an LEP member in December 2000. Dr. Burdick is a program manager of special education at the Sequoia Union High School District, a position he has held since 1998. Prior to that, he was a clinical psychologist intern for Kaiser Permanente. From 1997 to 1998, he was a learning disabilities specialist for Cabrillo College, and Unified School District as a child welfare and attendance/school psychologist. Dr. Burdick is a member of the California Association of School Psychologists and the California Association of Licensed Educational Psychologists. He earned a M.Ed. in psychology from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. from Walden University.



Roberto Quiroz, was appointed by the Assembly as a Public Member in February 2001. Mr. Quiroz, a resident of Los Angeles, has held executive management positions in the field of mental health for over 25 years. Most recently, he held the position of CEO of the Mental Health Corporation of Denver from 1992 to 2000. He also served as Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health for 6 1/2 years. Prior to that he served as Regional Director of the San Fernando/Antelope Valley Mental Health Region from 1979 to 1984. Mr. Quiroz earned a master's in social work from Columbia University in 1966. ❖

Board Member Vacancies

The Board is comprised of eleven members - six public members, two LCSWs, one LEP and two MFTs. The Governor appoints nine members, one public member is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one public member is appointed by the Senate Rules Committees.

The Board licenses LCSWs, LEPs, and MFTs. It regulates MFT Interns, Associate Clinical Social Workers and Continuing Education Providers. The Board develops and administers written and oral examinations for its licensing programs, develops regulatory standards and conducts an enforcement program, which investigates consumer complaints. The Board imposes disciplinary action against licensees and registrants who violate the law.

The Board has quarterly business meetings. In addition, members set aside 3-4 days each year which may be used in between Board meetings to process disciplinary actions if necessary.

Currently there are four vacancies on the Board, three public members and one LCSW member, all of which are Governor appointments. In addition, one MFT and one public member position is scheduled to expire June 1, 2001. The application process for these Board member appointments are handled directly through the Governor's office.

If you are interested in one of these vacancies, please contact the Appointments Secretary of the Governor's office at (916) 445-1915, or you may download the application from Governor Davis' website located at <http://www.governor.ca.gov>. ❖

For Your Information

◆ **Who Receives our Newsletter**

The *BBS News* is mailed to the address of record for all marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed educational psychologists, marriage & family therapist interns, associate clinical social workers, and continuing education providers. It is also mailed to individuals who have asked to be placed on the Board's public mailing list, all approved and accredited schools in California and to state and local professional associations of the professions regulated by the Board.

◆ **Address of Record**

The address listed on the back page of the *BBS News* mailing label is the address of record listed with the Board. This is the address that is given to the public upon request and where your license renewal forms are sent.

It is also the address that is made available to the public on the Board's website license verification feature.

You may wish to consider not using your residence address as your address of record. If you wish to change your address of record, you can complete the form available in this newsletter, download our change of address form on our website, or contact our office to obtain the form at (916) 445-4933 ext. 1800.

◆ **Display of License**

Sections 4980.31, 4986.41 and 4996.7 require MFT, LCSW and LEP licensees to display their license in a conspicuous place in their primary place of business.

◆ **Degree Titles or Abbreviations on License**

The Board is unable to print degree titles or abbreviations on the licensee's engraved wall certificate or renewal wall license.

New Statute of Limitations

Sections 4982.05 and 4992.31 were added to the Business and Professions Code effective January 1, 2000.

This statute requires the Board to file an accusation within three years from the date the Board discovers the alleged act or omission that is the basis for license discipline, or within seven years from the date the alleged act or omission that is the basis for license discipline occurred, whichever is first.

Additionally, accusations filed against licensees that allege the procurement of a license by fraud or misrepresentation are not subject to the limitations of these sections.

Finally, this statute of limitations states that if an alleged act or omission involves a minor, the seven-year limitations period is tolled until the minor reaches the age of maturity.

To review the actual language of this section, you can link to the Laws and Regulations from the Board's website at www.bbs.ca.gov. ❖



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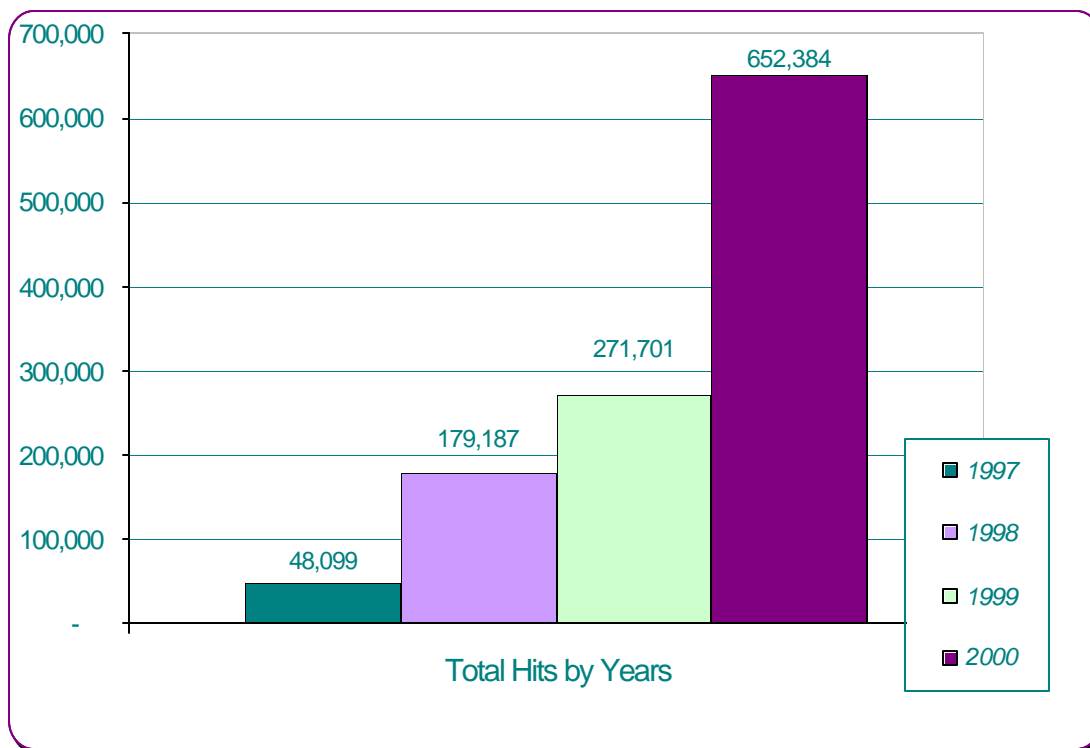
When corresponding with the Board, please include your license or registration number. This will assist us in forwarding your letter to the appropriate person and program unit within the Board office.

BBS Website News

The Board's website will be undergoing a cosmetic change in the upcoming months. As part of an Executive Order issued by Governor Gray Davis, state agencies shall, to the extent practical, integrate new and existing Internet applications into the State's web portal, system architecture and "look and feel" standards. The standards will also incorporate changes to achieve ADA compliance and accessibility. While the visual look of the website may look very different, the overall topical structure of where information is located will be the same (i.e., Enforcement, Licensing, Examination, Licensee Information, Forms and Publications, Laws and Regulations, etc.). We anticipate the modifications to be completed before the end of the year.

Recent additions to the Board's website include a "What's New" section which indicates pages that are new or revised. In our "Forms and Publications" section we have added the license and registration application packages for IMF's, ASW's, MFT's, LCSW's and LEP's. These documents, available in PDF format, have been enhanced so you can enter the information directly to the application, print it and submit it along with the required fee to the Board. You can however continue to request the application packages from the Board via email or by contacting the Board.

As reported in our summer 2000 newsletter, the number of visitors or hits to the Board's website continues to grow. The website hits have increased from 48,099 hits in its first full year of operation in 1997, to 652,384 hits in 2000. Below is a re-cap of statistics over the past 4 years. ❖



Oral Examiners Wanted!

An oral examination for licensure could not exist without qualified licensees willing to serve as oral examiners. The Board is recruiting oral examiners for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) oral examinations. LCSW and MFT oral examinations are administered four times per year in the Walnut Creek and Los Angeles Airport areas. Remuneration for serving as an oral examiner is \$135 per day. Travel costs cannot be reimbursed; however, overnight accommodations are provided when available.

To qualify to serve as an Oral Examiner, a licensee MUST:

1. As an MFT: Possess a degree title name in Section 4980.40(a) of the Business and Professions Code;
2. As an LCSW: Possess a degree from an accredited school of social work;
3. Have a minimum of three years of LCSW or MFT post licensure experience;
4. Possess an LCSW or MFT license which is current and not under suspension or probation;
5. Perform twenty to forty hours of training, supervision, education or clinical experience with a minimum of ten hours direct therapy hours per week;
6. Have the ability to rate candidates in a fair, accurate, and objective manner;
7. Have the ability to serve as an oral examiner for two consecutive years;
8. Agree to not participate at any time in any examination coaching or preparation activities as stated in the agreement signed with the Board upon appointment as an oral examiner; and,
9. Sit for an interview with a lead oral examiner.

The following qualifications are DESIRABLE:

- ◆ Recent private practice experience
- ◆ Ability to work a minimum of two days per examination cycle

If you meet the qualifications and are interested in serving, please contact the Board's Examination Unit to obtain an Oral Examiner Application. Submit the application and your resume to the Board. If you would like more information before applying, please contact Cynthia McDaniel at (916) 445-4933 extension 1009.❖

*BBS Licensee / Registrant Statistics**

Licensed Clinical Social Workers	14650
Licensed Educational Psychologists	1634
Marriage and Family Therapists	24923
Associate Clinical Social Workers	5111
MFT Interns	8206
Continuing Education Providers	1781
MFT Referral Services	21

** This reflects the number of valid licensees and registrants with the Board as of June 1, 2001.*

Shortage of Mental Health Workers in California

The California State Assembly Human Services Committee, chaired by Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, has been conducting committee hearings to discuss the rising shortage of mental health workers in California. The primary jurisdictions of this Committee are childcare, developmental centers, public assistance, prison rehabilitation programs, and aging and senior services.

The shortage of human services staff is being felt in many venues or settings, including mental health. The state is now recognizing that this broad shortage leads agencies to vie for the same small pool of applicants. The series of Committee hearings are to bring together policy makers, representatives from social work schools in California, researchers, and social work professionals from a wide array of sectors to discuss timely issues of the social work profession in the State of California. The hearings are in response to both short and long-term concerns about the future of the social work profession in California and our state's ability to respond to those concerns. The sheer numbers of social workers needed in our state, when compared with the numbers who graduate from social work programs each year, have given Assemblywoman Aroner the strong desire to begin these hearings during the up-coming 2001 legislative session. The Committee hopes that the hearings will lead to state action to deal with this shortage.

Policy and programmatic solutions for meeting our state's current shortage of social workers were discussed. If you are interested in this very important issue, you may contact members of the Human Services Committee via the California State Assembly website at <http://www.assembly.ca.gov>, or at (916) 319-2247.

Examination Calendar

	<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Final Filing Date</i>
MFT Written	Continuous testing	Allow up to 90 days for processing new applications
MFT Oral*	July 13-15, 20-22, 2001 October 19-21, 2001 February 1-3, 2002 April 28, May 3-5, 2002 July 26-28, August 2, 2002 October 18-20, & November 1, 2002	April 23, 2001 July 23, 2001 November 5, 2001 January 28, 2002 April 29, 2002 July 22, 2002
LCSW Written	Continuous testing	Allow up to 90 days for processing new applications
LCSW Oral*	July 13-14, 2001 October 12-13, 2001 January 25-26, 2002 April 26-27, 2002 August 3-4, 2002 November 2-3, 2002	April 16, 2001 July 16, 2001 October 29, 2001 January 28, 2002 May 6, 2002 August 5, 2002
LEP Written	Continuous testing	Allow up to 90 days for processing new applications
* Dates are tentative, contingent upon the availability of oral examiners, and may be canceled or added as Registered Interns, Associates and applicants who have completed the required amount of supervised experience or who are in the examination process must continue to receive one hour of individual or two hours of group supervision per week until licensed (B&P Code sections 4980.43(b), 4996.20(b) and 4996.21(b)(3)).		

Board of Behavioral Sciences Directory

Board Office

(916) 445-4933

All of the following phone numbers are the same as the main number, however the extensions are different.

General

Extension No.

Address or Name Changes	1113
Certifications & Deferments	1025
CE, CE Providers, MFT Referral Services	1008
License Status / Verification	1009
Renewals	1322
Request Applications, Forms, Laws & Regulations	1800

Examination Program

Initial Licenses	1113
Oral Examination Appeals	1009
Oral Examiner Training	1234
Special Accommodations	1018
Subject Matter Experts (SME), workshops	1242

Licensing Program

ASW Evaluator	1030
LCSW Evaluator	1005
LEP Evaluator	1025
MFT Intern Evaluator	1121
MFT Evaluator (A-L)	1122
MFT Evaluator (M-Z)	1124

Enforcement Program

Complaint Form & Information	1241
Disciplinary Hot Sheets	1015
Probation Monitor	1014

BBS Website	http://www.bbs.ca.gov
BBS WebMaster email	BBSWebMaster@bbs.ca.gov

Applicant Live Scan Fingerprint Services



The Board is now utilizing Applicant Live Scan for its fingerprinting services. This service will enable us to process applications more efficiently by reducing response times from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

To utilize Live Scan, an application for registration or licensure must be submitted to the Board. Once the application has been evaluated, a Request for Live Scan Service - Applicant Submission form [BCII 8016 (10-98)] and the instructions on how to complete the form will be mailed to the applicant.

A complete list of the Live Scan sites may be obtained by visiting the DOJ Applicant Live Scan website located at <http://caag.state.ca.us/app/livescan.htm>, and selecting "contact information." Applicants are strongly encouraged to call the Live Scan service site to determine if an appointment for fingerprinting is required.

The live scan agency will collect the fingerprint processing fees directly from the applicant. Please check with the Live Scan service site to determine the appropriate fingerprint processing fee and any additional fees charged for "rolling" prints and/or administrative processing. Do not submit fingerprint-processing fees to the Board. In addition, all applicants must have their fingerprints processed through DOJ and FBI.

Once the fingerprints have been scanned and if there is no criminal record, it will take approximately 3 days for the Board to receive a response from the DOJ, and approximately 7-15 days to receive a response from the FBI. However, applicants should expect a delay in the processing time if there is any criminal history. ❖

Should Unlicensed Practice be Reported to the Board?

Yes. If you have evidence that a person is practicing without a license or registration, please notify the Board in writing. The Board will investigate the allegations and, if sufficient evidence is found, will refer the matter to the local District Attorney for criminal prosecution. The Board may also issue a citation and fine to an individual who engages in unlicensed activity. ❖

Important Renewal Information

Renewal notices are mailed 60 to 90 days in advance of the expiration date and are mailed to your address of record.

Part 3 of the renewal notice must be completed, signed and returned to the Board along with the appropriate fee. If the renewal notice is incomplete it will not be renewed until it is complete. If the completed renewal notice is postmarked after the expiration date, it will be subject to the delinquent fee. In addition, all practice rights will cease until the license is renewed.

You are encouraged to send your completed renewal application and fee as soon as possible as it takes 4 to 6 weeks to process a renewal that is completed properly. ❖

Renewal Fees

(January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002)

License Type	Inactive	Active	If Delinquent Add
LCSW	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$25.00
LEP	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$25.00
MFT	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$25.00
ASW	N/A	\$75.00	N/A
ASW Extension	N/A	\$50.00	N/A
IMF	N/A	\$75.00	N/A
PCE	N/A	\$200.00	N/A

Disclosure of Criminal Conviction Requirement

Effective January 1, 2001, as a requirement for renewal, all MFT, LCSW and LEP licensees must disclose to the Board any conviction or plea of nolo contendere to any misdemeanor or felony, or disciplinary action taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state subsequent to their last renewal.

This information is indicated on part 3 of the renewal application beneath the CE requirement section. You must check box F or G to report this disclosure and sign the penalty of perjury statement which indicates the foregoing statement is true and correct. All information in this section must be completed when returning the renewal and fee to the Board office. *There are no exceptions to this requirement.* ❖

Continuing Education (CE) Audit Initiated

The Board has started conducting random CE audits of its licensees and Continuing Education Providers. If you are audited, you will be notified in writing to submit **copies** of your CE certificates or course documentation as proof of compliance with the BBS Licensing Laws and Regulations. **Do not send original documents unless you are specifically requested to do so.**

If you are audited, your prompt response is requested to complete the audit process. Failure to comply with the audit request may result in disciplinary action against a MFT or LCSW license or CE Provider registration. ❖

CE - Things to Remember

- ◆ CE is required to renew a MFT or LCSW license with an active status.
- ◆ CE must be taken from a BBS approved provider, accredited school or state approved school.
- ◆ CE must be completed before the renewal notice is signed and sent to the Board.
- ◆ DO NOT send CE certificates to the Board. The Board does not maintain CE files for licensees.
- ◆ You must retain your CE certificates for at least 2 years from the expiration date of the license period for which they were applied. If you are audited, you will need these certificates as proof of compliance. ❖

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (11/7/2000-6/26/01)

The status of the following disciplinary actions were updated as of 6/26/01. These decisions are subject to judicial review. For current information, please contact the Board office directly.

ALEXANDER, SAMI HICKEY
MFC 23815, Pasadena, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; intentionally or recklessly cause physical or emotional harm to client; sexual misconduct. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 1/17/01.

ATWELL, LARRY ALLEN
MFC 25304, Campbell, CA

Charges: Violation of probation. License revoked. Eff. 3/12/01.

FOSTER, JEFFREY
MFC 18316, Hesperia, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime. License revoked, revocation stayed, four years' probation. Terms and conditions include supervised practice, psychotherapy at least once a week, remedial education, attend at least two (2) twelve-step recovery meetings or equivalent each week, abstain from controlled substances and alcohol, submit to biological fluid testing and samples, cost recovery of \$3,000. Eff. 5/23/01.

KOEPCKE, RICK B.
MFC 25620, Thousand Oaks, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; sexual misconduct. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 3/12/01.

KUSAK, JOSEPH BROOK
MFC 17419, Auburn, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to client; sexual misconduct. License revoked. Eff. 2/15/01.

LERMA, TERRY
MFC 16419, La Mesa, CA

Charges: Violation of probation. Probation extended for three years. Terms and conditions include supervised practice, take and pass the oral licensure examination within two years, restricted practice to employment with the County of San Diego until respondent takes and passes the oral licensing examination and is so notified in writing. Eff. 5/23/01.



LUCIANO, MARK JOSEPH
MFC 19588, San Diego, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime; commission of any dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent act. License revoked, revocation stayed, three years' probation. Terms and conditions include: at least one (1) year supervised practice; remedial education; cost recovery of \$1,166. Eff. 2/15/01.

MATTHEWS, ROBERT CRAIG
MFC 27352, Tustin, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to a client; breach of confidentiality; sexual misconduct. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 4/9/01.

RATTE, ELIZABETH
MFC 13501, San Francisco, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to client; sexual misconduct. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 3/12/01.

ROBERTS, JO ANNE
IMF 30618, Nevada City, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime; commission of dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent acts. Registration voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 5/21/01.

RODRIGUEZ, GERALDINE
MFC 20322, Gilroy, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 5/21/01.

SHADZAD, MASSOUD
IMF 27162, San Jose, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime. Registration revoked. Eff. 2/15/01.

SMITH, STEVEN ROBERT
IMF 31169, Laguna Niguel, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime; administering to himself any alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to another person. Registration voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 2/15/01.

TOEWS, PETER JOHN
MFC 31413, San Diego, CA

Charges: Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence or incompetence; misrepresentation of type or status of license; intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to a client; sexual misconduct. License revoked. Eff. 4/9/01.

WHITSON, CLINTON RICHARD
MFC 23272, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Charges: Violation of probation. License voluntarily surrendered. Eff. 2/15/01.

PETITIONS:

GALINDO, GUSTAVO R.
MFC 16293, El Centro, CA

Licensee's petition to voluntarily surrender license granted. Eff. 1/31/01.

GILLASPIE, ROBERT C.
MFC 17333, Wheatland, CA

Licensee's petition for modification of probation to reduce psychotherapy requirement from once a week to once a month is granted. Eff. 2/14/01.

PRITCHETT, SUSAN B.
LCS 19608, Los Angeles, CA

Licensee's petition to terminate probation granted. Eff. 1/31/01.

Disciplinary Guidelines Being Revised

The Board is proposing to amend Section 1888 of Article 9, Division 18 of Title 16, of the California Code of Regulations to amend the Disciplinary Guidelines document to create a more efficient document to assist those involved in the disciplinary process when determining the appropriate discipline and probation conditions, and to add probation conditions that will better protect the public. The initial regulation package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law in June. The Board will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed regulation change at their meeting scheduled for July 26th in Buena Park. A copy of the proposed regulation can be found on our website at www.bbs.ca.gov/whtsnew8.htm. ❖

Colorado Prohibits 'Rebirthing' Therapy

We are bringing the following information to your attention for educational purposes. The death of 10-year old Candace Newmaker in Jefferson County, Colorado has prompted the General Assembly of the State of Colorado to enact "Candace's law," which prohibits the use of a therapeutic technique known as 'rebirthing.' The law was signed by Colorado Governor Bill Owens on April 17, 2001, and became effective upon signature.

As a result, "using or recommending rebirthing or any therapy technique that may be considered similar to rebirthing as a therapeutic treatment" is now prohibited in Colorado. Colorado law defines rebirthing as the "reenactment of the birthing process through therapy techniques that involve any restraint that creates a situation in which a patient may suffer physical injury or death." ❖

Disciplinary Terminology

Charges: The violations that the respondent has allegedly committed which are in the accusation.

Respondent: The licensee or registrant who is the subject of the disciplinary action.

Revocation: License or registration is canceled and the right to practice ended.

Suspension: Respondent prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

Stayed: Revocation or suspension postponed and respondent put on probation.

Probation: Respondent may continue to practice under specific terms and conditions.

Voluntary Surrender: Respondent turns in the license or registration while charges are still pending - right to practice is ended.

Effective Decision Date: Date the disciplinary decision goes into operation.

Public Reprimand: Respondent issued a letter of reprimand resulting from a disciplinary action or pursuant to B&P Code section 495.

Writ of Mandate: Respondent appealed decision to the superior court.

Stay: The Board or superior court ordered the Board's decision to not be enforced pending further action.

BBS CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUEST FORM

Please type or print clearly in ink. Be sure to provide all information. Allow 30 days for processing.

LICENSE OR REGISTRATION NUMBER(S) (indicate **all** BBS licenses and/or registrations and their types to which this change applies):

NAME (as it appears on your license or registration):

SSN or FEIN (not required of PCEs):

FORMER ADDRESS:

CITY / STATE / ZIP:

TELEPHONE:

NEW ADDRESS:

CITY / STATE / ZIP:

TELEPHONE:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE:

DATE:

- ☐ I would like to order a replacement wall license or registration certificate that will reflect my new address - **\$20.00 FEE.** (Include the fee and your old license or registration certificate with this Change of Address Request Form. Requests for a replacement certificate received without the fee or certificate cannot be processed; however, your address will still be updated.)

Please note that your address of record with the Board (the address displayed on your license, registration or application) is public information and is released to the public upon request and will be placed on the Board's website.

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